

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

JACLYN A. FISHER, STEPHANIE
GRAVES, HEATHER HUFF, CHERYL
KOMENDA, JOSETTE LABREC, JESSICA
LOEPP, ANN MARKHAM-SIMMONS,
BRENDA MATSON, CAROL MCNITT,
MOHAMED KHOCHTALI, IRENE
MENDOZA, MIKKI PERSON, MICHELLE
STRAWN, ANNETTE VANSCHOYCK,
JENNIFER ANDERSON, MAYRA
BACKAN, LEAH BRACKEN, DANIELLE
CARTER, CHARLOTTE CHAPMAN,
CHALISE CROWDER, MONICA FIERRO,
JENNIFER HARDIN, REBECCA JOHNSON,
SHANNON KENYON, JENNIFER KOGOD,
STEPHANIE LEATHAM, NADINE
MANUEL, KERRI MCCLOUD, DONNA
MUEHL, DAWN NEPSUND, NICOLE
PETERSON, NATALIE REED, BEVERLY
RICHESON, DAWN SANCHEZ, JAMIE
LYN SCHULER, CATRINA STEWART,
CHRISTINE VANDERHOFF, LATOYA
WADE, CRISTIN WEST, LEMICUA
WILSON, MYRIAM ZAYAS, and JANE or
JOHN DOES 1-30,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CORINTHIAN COLLEGES, INC., a
Washington corporation, d/b/a BRYMAN
COLLEGE, TACOMA CAMPUS,

Defendant.

Case No. C05-5412FDB

ORDER GRANTING CORINTHIAN
COLLEGE INC.'S MOTION FOR
STAY OF THE ACTION PENDING
ARBITRATION and GRANTING
CORINTHIAN'S MOTION FOR
ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO FILE
REPLY

Of the forty-one plaintiffs in this case, twenty-one plaintiffs were ordered to arbitration by
this Court's order of August 9, 2005. Defendant moves for stay of this matter pending resolution of


1 the issues referred to arbitration. The remaining plaintiffs oppose a stay arguing that Section 3 of the
2 Federal Arbitration Act, which provides for such stay, does not apply to them and that there are no
3 compelling reasons for a stay. Plaintiffs' opposition is without merit.

4 All the plaintiffs in this action alleges the same facts and assert the same issues against the
5 school. Plaintiffs complain that the School's medical assisting (MA) program from which they
6 graduated is not programmatically accredited and does not allow them to sit for a certification exam.
7 It is appropriate to stay this cause of action because the issues referred to arbitration are the same as
8 those still pending in this case and a stay will preclude parallel proceedings and inconsistent rulings;
9 promote efficiency, as the arbitrations are proceeding on an expedited track; and foster the federal
10 policy favoring arbitration. ACCORDINGLY,

11 IT IS ORDERED:

- 12 1. Motion of Corinthian Colleges, Inc. For A Stay of The Action Pending Arbitration
13 [Dkt. # 26] is GRANTED, and this cause of action is STAYED pending resolution of
14 the issues referred to arbitration.
15 2. Motion of Corinthian Colleges, Inc. For An Enlargement of Time in which to file a
16 reply [Dkt. # 30] is unopposed and is GRANTED.

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18 DATED this 26th day of September, 2005.

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21 FRANKLIN D. BURGESS
22 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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